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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: PS AND PPD HANGING TOUGH

REF BARBOUR/CARLUCCI TELCON

1. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY PPD AND PS TODAY (SEPT 1) MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE TAKING A HARD LINE ON THE CONDITIONS THEY WILL DEMAND FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. AZEVEDO MET WITH PS, PPD AND PCP TODAY IN HIS EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT. IT NOW APPEARS THAT AZEVEDO DOES NOT INTEND TO CONTINUE WITH A SLIGHTLY MODIFIED VERSION OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND WANTS TO GET THE MAJOR PARTIES IN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. THERE ARE SUGGESTIONS IN TODAYS PRESS THAT SWEARING IN OF GONCALVES WILL BE POSTPONED. AZEVEDO SAID ON TV TONIGHT TTHAT PARTIES "SHOULDN'T SPECULATE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF." THIS COMBINATION OF EVENTS PLUS AZEVEDO'S COMMENT ON TV THAT TALKS WITH PS& PPD WENT WELL HINT AT POSSIBLE AZEVEDO PROPOSED COMPROMISE WHERE PARTIES ENTER GOVERNMENT IF GONCALVES EITHER DOESN'T TAKE OFFICE OR, MORE LIKLEY HIS POWERS ARE DIPLOMATICALLY RESTRICTED. WE WILL CHECK THIS POSSIBLITY WITH SOCIALISTS AND PPD TOMMORROW.

3. IN A COMMUNIQUE THAT GOT HEADLINE TREATMENT IN THE  
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EVENING PAPERS, AF CHIEF MORAIS DA SILVA, UNTIL NOW A FENCE-

SITTER, SAID HE OPPOSED GONCALVES AS CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPPORTED THE ANTUNES DOCUMENT, AND DIDN'T THINK THAT A REVOLUTION MADE BY 80 PERCENT OF THE PORTUGUESE SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY A DICTATORSHIP OF 20 PER CENT.

4. WE HAVE WATCHED THE EBB AND FLOW OF ANTI-COMMUNIST STRATEGY FOR PAST MONTH. JUST WHEN MATTERS SEEM TO BE GOING THEIR WAY, GONCALVES AND COMPANY PULL ANOTHER FAST DEAL. WITH THE MORAIS COMMUNIQUE, CONTINUED RESISTANCE TO GONCALVES IN THE NORTH, RESISTANCE IN THE AZORES AND MADEIRA AND AZEVEDO'S RENEWED APPROACH TO THE SOCIALISTS AFTER SATURDAY'S STRONG REBUFF, THINGS AGAIN SEEM TO BE FITTING INTO THE NINE'S STRATEGY-POLITICAL STRATEGY (A). BUT IS FAR TOO EARLIER TO SAY THIS STRATEGY WILL ACTUALLY WORK THIS TIME AROUND. GONCALVES STILL HAS THE APPOINTMENT IN HAND AND IT WILL BE HARD TO KEEP THAT HAND OFF THE BIBLE.  
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